

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission
October 12, 2009
4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. *Approval* of the September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. *Approval* of October 12, 2009 Agenda
4. *Approval* of September 2009 Financial Report
5. Call to the Public

New Business

Old Business

6. Status of BACC web page on City's web site; design and content discussion
7. Discuss interest allocation to BACC account (question from last month's meeting)
8. Status of 9/11 Memorial support letter
9. Discuss alternate locations for Jeff Bohl sculptures

Other Business

9. Staff Updates
 - Reminder: Gallery 194/PIX Theater field trip to Lapeer – October 20, 2009 (meet in City Hall parking lot at 10:00 a.m.)
 - Reminder: Jackson Armory Arts Village field trip to Jackson – October 29, 2009 (meet in City Hall parking lot at 9:00 a.m.)

10. Call to the Public
11. Adjournment

Next BACC Meeting – November 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

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Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
October 12, 2009**

1. **Call to Order**

City staff advised us that Chairperson McGeehan was not able to attend this afternoon's meeting and Tim Cusick volunteered to fill in for her. Tim called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. The following roll call was taken:

Eugene Juergens - Present
Carole McGeehan – Absent
Kate Lawrence - Present
Tim Cusick - Present
MJ Takagi – Present

Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to excuse Carole McGeehan from today's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Also present was Lauri French from City Staff.

2. **Approval of the September 12, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by Eugene Juergens, to approve the September 12, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0-1.

3. **Approval of the October 12, 2009 Agenda**

Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by Eugene Juergens, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0-1.

4. **Approval of September 2009 Financial Report**

Lauri French noted that the title of the financial report should read "September", not "August".

Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by Eugene Juergens, to approve the September 2009 financial report as amended. The motion carried 4-0-1.

5. **Call to the Public**

Tim Cusick opened the call to the public at 4:15 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

Old Business

8. **Discuss status of BACC (City) email address and page on City's web site**

Lauri French advised that the City's I.T. department had set up a BACC page on the City's web site and has provided access for Jim Rowell and Lauri for updates. They will design the web page with content input from the BACC. Lauri noted that Biennial sculpture information is already on the PSD web site and could be easily transferred to the new BACC web page. In addition, other suggestions were to create a BACC logo that could go on the front page of the City's web site; users would just click on it to be taken to the BACC page. The BACC previously discussed putting a "call to artists" on this page and Kate Lawrence suggested doing a "bloggers' corner" similar to the MML web site.

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7. Discuss interest allocation to BACC account (question from last month's meeting)

At last month's meeting, Kate Lawrence questioned the amount of interest received in August (33 cents) and asked if the amount looked high enough on a balance of \$16,000 plus. Staff was to ask the Finance Department and report back at the October meeting. Lauri handed out the email response from Denise Meier, accountant in the Finance Department, which explained the allocation formula they use for interest. Kate Lawrence noted that a total of \$70.41 in July interest on a balance of over \$3 million seemed very low. Lauri mentioned that even the interest for her checking account was 72 cents with a balance nowhere near \$3 million. Staff was directed to go back to Finance to determine if there is some sort of agreement (i.e., free checking or services) in lieu of higher interest rates and report back at the next meeting.

8. Status of 9/11 Memorial Support Letter

Lauri French advised that the BACC letter of support for the Brighton Area Fire Department's request for a World Trade Center artifact for a 9/11 Memorial was delivered to Mike Kennedy on September 18, 2009. A copy of our letter and Mike's draft letter to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was provided as handouts.

9. Discuss alternate locations for Jeffrey Bohl's pieces

Matt Modrack was not in attendance at today's meeting, but Lauri French reported he had asked her to recommend display of the two smaller pieces (excluding "Welcome") in the front windows at Sagano's. The BACC members thought that was a good idea and suggested that the pieces be lit even when the restaurant is closed. Staff was directed to speak to the owner of the restaurant to see if he would be interested and, if so, to work out the details.

Other Business

10. Staff Updates

Lauri French reminded the BACC members about the two upcoming field trips – October 20, 2009 to Gallery 194/PIX Theater in Lapeer (10:00 a.m.) and October 29, 2009 to the Jackson Armory Arts Village in Jackson (9:00 a.m.). Kate Lawrence mentioned that she had talked to Dan Greer from Jackson and the Armory is in his ward, so he may plan something for our group's visit.

Kate Lawrence asked if anyone else had received correspondence from Scott Lurain. Lauri French noted that Jim Rowell and Matt Modrack had also received a one pager from him and that she thought it was for an exhibit he was doing the weekend of October 16.

Tim Cusick asked if the BACC had ever discussed public improvements to private buildings, i.e., a window garden on the empty side of Brighton Bar and Grill? Kate Lawrence said we had not due to budget constraints and that there had been a mural on the side of what is now Sagano's that is now covered.

11. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 4:45 p.m. Hearing none, the call to the public was closed.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Eugene Juergens, seconded by MJ Takagi, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. The motion carried 4-0-1.

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Lauri French, Community Development/Planning Clerk
September 15, 2009

Next BACC Meeting – Monday, November 9, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers